(d) Yes, Sir. However, proposals are at initial stage and no details can be given.

Central Regulatory Authority for Minor Ports

3209. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposed to bring minor ports under a Central Regulatory Authority to regulate haphazard increase and growth of minor ports;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action proposed to regulate safety, environmental concerns and conservancy of Minor Ports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The aspects regarding safety and conservancy of ***f*** Minor Ports are covered in the Indian Ports Act, 1908. Environmental aspect is taken care of as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry and the Ministry of Environment & Forests from time to time.

Ongoing National Highways Projects

† 3210. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made an assessment regarding the total length of National Highways;

(b) if so, what was the total length of National Highways in the country during the year 1999-2000;

(c) what was the width and length of each of those roads in respect of which the construction work had been completed; and

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.